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Block Quotes

Sunday, November 05, 2006

-- Badr Khalid Al-Bahr editorialized in progressive Arabic daily
Al-Qabas under the title "Who Provokes the Other?" (11/5):

"How long will we accept the increasing intervention in our domestic
affairs? Sometimes Iran penetrates the 'local street' and at other
times, drug traffickers sneak into our country from Iran. Sometime
MPs meet at its embassy and at other times, it [Iranian Embassy]
attacks our press. Who knows what Iran will do in the future? We
are doing nothing at a time when Iran is dragging the region into
its cold war with America and the UN."

-- Under the title "Military Strike" Dr. Yacoub Al-Sharrah commented
in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai Al-Aam (11/5):

"If both Korea and Iran succeed in their projects to complete their
nuclear plans, this will undoubtedly lead other countries to follow
suit by entering the nuclear club. Building huge nuclear arms
arsenals would mean with the lapse of time that the nuclear projects
would become legitimate and this would make stopping them more
difficult."

-- Abdul Latif Saoud Al-Sager penned in pro-government Arabic daily
Al-Seyassah under the titled "The Current Era of Gulf-American
Relations" (11/5):

"Apparently, the United States has not succeeded in the necessary
neutralization of the Iranian military troops because it is
described as the state that repeatedly violates the rules of
international law and threatens its neighbors. In general, the
United States is trying to convince the Gulf capitals that the state
of peace they now enjoy is attributed to the huge American military
presence in the region."

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